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(*b*) whether some of the villages subject to two different munsifs' courts have been grouped together and put under the jurisdiction of one panchayat court; and

(*c*) if so, whether there is any proposal to put an end to such unsatisfactory grouping?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no definite information.

(*c*) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether it is the policy of the Government to constitute panchayat courts for all villages?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It depends on the recommendations of the Collector."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of grouping the villages in such a way that villages subject to two distinct courts are not put in under one panchayat court?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider my hon. Friend's suggestion."

Electricity

Electrification of the town of Bhavani.

* 45 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the electrification of the town of Bhavani has been completed?

A.—Yes.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know whether there is any proposal to extend the supply of power to Kumarapalayam Union town which is very close to Bhavani?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not aware of any such proposal."

Forests

Resolutions passed by the landholders of Puttur in regard to forest concessions in the reserve areas.

* 46 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the resolutions passed at a meeting of the landholders in Puttur on 29th April 1933—

(1) requesting the Government not to withdraw the privileges granted to the people in respect of reserved forests; and

(2) pointing out the necessity for clearing the growth of bushes in cattle grazing areas in reserve forests; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the request made in these resolutions?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The first request was considered in connexion with similar representations made to Government. The latter has been forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests for consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government will place on the table of the House the report received from the Chief Conservator of Forests regarding the alleged abuse of the concessions? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" My Friend, Mr. Bhatt, is asking me certain questions; and I propose to answer them to-morrow. The answer to this question is included in to-morrow's answer."

General

Circular of Government regarding the participation of Government servants as members of the Anti-untouchability leagues.

* 47 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any circular has been sent to Government servants stating that it is not desirable for them to become members of Anti-untouchability leagues; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons which have impelled the Government to send such a circular?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Communiqué issued by the Government on the subject, of which a copy is appended.[a]

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask whether Government will be pleased to place the circular on the table of the House for the information of the Members? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" I do not think there is any necessity. The details are contained in the communiqué."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask whether there is anything confidential in that circular? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" There is no point in it; I have given every information in the communiqué."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the agitation for the removal of untouchability and for temple entry constitutes an agitation for social rights, or an agitation for political rights? "

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 137–138 infra.